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Rabinowitz denies knowing Yadlin funds were 'unclean'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Political Reporter

Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday confirmed he had asked Asher Yadlin to money for the Labour Party, but that he did not know the money had been raised illegally. Rabinowitz, who had fought unsuccessfully to retain the Tel Aviv mayoralty in 1973, said in his statement that "before the 1973 election campaign, in the course of my activity in the Labour Party, I appealed to members and friends to contribute money and to raise contributions for the party. Asher Yadlin was among them, but as is known members and individuals' contributions do not contravene the law."

"I pressed no one and it is absurd to think pressure could have been applied on active and veteran members such as Asher Yadlin," Rabinowitz said. "I want to say clearly I had no inkling that money was raised in ways that contravened the law. Personally I received no money from Asher Yadlin for the party and I don't know of any millions of pounds on Yadlin allegedly transferred to the party."

Aharon Yadlin, who signed a receipt for IL70,000 when he was secretary-general, said he did not deal, at all, with the affairs of the Tel Aviv region (to which the "millions" had been allegedly transferred).

The minister added he cannot refer to Asher Yadlin's claims "until

I see the full protocol ... and the documents relating to me."

The Party's Attorney, Ze'ev Treinin, told me he thought that as long as the court had not sentenced Asher Yadlin... the issue is subject matter. I am following the attorney Treinin's opinion and after Asher Yadlin's sentence is published I shall face the public with no fear and give every needed explanation."

Labour Party Knesset Members appeared at a loss after Asher Yadlin's court statement.

The Likud's Knesset Member Yigal Horowitz, who is slated to open the Knesset debate on that statement today, is expected to demand an inquiry and measures against those guilty of having committed offences. He is also expected to demand that Rabinowitz and Asher Yadlin go on leave until the investigation is completed.

But Labour Party whip Moshe Werthman told the fact that the Likud had agreed the Knesset refer the matter to its Committee for State Controlling.

The Party's Secretary General, Meir Zarmi, told the faction they "have nothing to be ashamed of." The party's books since the law for financing parties was passed (in the beginning of 1973) are closely scrutinized by the State Comptroller who has found no faults as far as the law is concerned. The books are also examined by the party's controllers, he added.

Justice Minister Haim Zadok reminded the legislators that Yadlin's statement was made after he "has confessed to and was found guilty of bribery ..." (His statement was made) in the course of testimony which was designed to get the court to pass a light sentence."

Zadok added:

In an obvious reference to the mood in his party the Minister said: "We've got to bring back some measure of sanity."

Zadok pointed out that this government can stand "with a straight back before the public" because it had given investigating, prosecuting and judicial authorities a free hand. There was no political involvement in the proceedings, he added.

Zadok warned the Knesset Members against overstepping their authority by taking upon themselves some of the functions of the Attorney General or the State Comptroller.

He warned the legislators that overstepping their authority would lead to a "total disruption of good government."

There was no general debate last night (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

To move by Premier

By DAVID LANDAU, Post Diplomatic Reporter

Yisrael Hargman, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, was chosen to reply to the Opposition motion.

Rabin's aides reacted angrily to attempts to link him personally to the Yadlin revelations. "He (Rabin) is the cleanest of them all," one aide declared. While Rabin had worked in Yehoshua Rabinowitz' Tel Aviv mayoralty campaign of 1973 (into which Yadlin said he had poured funds), he had not drawn a salary from the party, a top aide said. Rabin had known nothing of the campaign's financing, the aide insisted.

One man who may have known more, and who had spent "IL2m." on promotion for the Rabinowitz campaign was Yehoshua Rabin, the aide alleged. Rabin, formerly a pro-Babish stalwart, is now heading an information drive on behalf of Shimon Peres' candidacy for the premiership.

Observers close to Rabin described him yesterday as severely shaken by the Yadlin revelations and their potential repercussions.

Personal statements by Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Education Minister Yisrael Hargman at the Labour Knesset last night followed a meeting of the party yesterday — the session was held in 12 hours to discuss the implications of Asher Yadlin's testimony.

It also called in Labour's set faction managers to plan for today's Knesset debate.

S. officials see Peres strengthened

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — U.S. officials are concerned that the escalating political and military tensions in Israel could result in a victory for Prime Minister Peres over Shimon Peres at the February 23 Party convention.

American officials express concern that the turmoil might result in a new government more "hawkish" on foreign policy issues than the present Rabin government.

American policy-makers have not concealed their displeasure over the prospect that Likud opposition leader Menachem Begin could emerge to head a new coalition government after the May 27 election.

U.S. analysts have been showing considerable interest in the new Democratic Movement for Change headed by Yigal Yadin, and its prospects for coming out of the election in a strong position. The Americans, however, do not have a clear understanding of Yadin's foreign policy views.

Bernard Gwertzman, the diplomatic correspondent of "The New York Times," yesterday

reported State Department officials as believing that Peres may "succeed in ousting Rabin as the party leader. If indeed Rabin is so weakened, the officials hold, Vance's stopover is not likely to generate many new ideas."

American officials are aware of and sensitive to the fact that decisions taken in Washington can and often do have ramifications on the domestic popularity of the Jerusalem government.

It is therefore surprising that Washington has recently issued some policy decisions damaging to Israel — decisions likely to weaken the popularity of the Rabin government.

Won't harm U.S. fund-raising

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
NEW YORK. — Asher Yadlin's charges will have "no impact at all" on fund-raising or on the depth of American Jewish commitment to Israel, according to UJA executive vice-chairman Irving Bernstein.

"Don't forget that American Jewry lived through Watergate," Bernstein told The Post. "We are not proud of the Yadlin affair, but it's better that it was brought out into the open."

Macabi beats Czechs 91:76

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv's Macabi last night notched an important victory in the round of the European Cup of Champions by defeating Zbrojovka of Czechoslovakia, 91:76. Israel held a 47:42 halftime lead.

With 26 points, and Aulis Perry, with 19. Camil Brabek was top Czech with 24 points.

Macabi's next game will be Thursday, also in Belgium, against CNEA of Belgium. The game will be decisive in determining whether Macabi gets to championship game.

Engineers and academic workers 1,000 will strike at midnight

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Both the Engineers' Union of Academic Workers and the Union of Academic Workers will determine last night if their national strikes set for tonight.

Her Guntay Badian, secretary of the 15,000-man Engineers' Union, said that the union was not meeting government, but union executives in late attempts to settle off the strike and what could become an economic paralysis.

Final words will be said late tonight, at a meeting of the joint central committee, as for a rapprochement seem.

Engineers claim they have no to rely on the Voluntary Ar-

bitration Institute, which is part of the new economic freeze package deal, any more than they can the Barkai committee, which investigated their salaries last summer.

The committee recommended that graduate engineers be given a special competence pay. But this has been refused by their employers — chiefly public bodies — in subsequent wage negotiations.

The engineers then took their case to court and won — only to have the government demand a retrial.

At this point the engineers declared a labour dispute.

The claims of the academic workers, no less complex and diver-

sified, include the specific professional problems of over 40 separate groups.

Also on the strike list schedules: An unspecified number (estimate: 25,000-35,000) of non-graduate engineers and technicians who may, however, postpone their strike for another five days until Tuesday, February 22. Their reason is that they want to be linked to the engineers on the principle of equal pay for equal work, and as it was explained, "there is no point in striking before we know what they are going to get."

Pending disputes: Civil servants including the customs workers and revenue collectors, El Al maintenance crews, flight controllers who want a separate grading — and others.

Amman to approve Israel Arabs' condolence visit

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Amman is expected to approve the brief visit to Jordan planned by a group of 20 Israeli Arabs who wish to pay their condolences to King Hussein on the loss of his queen last week in an air crash. This approval would be without precedent in Israel's history.

The condolences delegation will be headed by Suhail Shukri, a well-

Vance opens ways-to-peace talks in Jerusalem today

By ANAN SAFADI, Post Mideast Affairs Editor



U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance shakes hands with U.S. Consul-General Michael Newland, left, as Foreign Minister Alon looks on, at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem last night. (Rahmim Tisraeli)

Syrians said to have left Nabatiya

Post Mideast Affairs Editor

Syrian troops of the Arab League peace-keeping force were yesterday reported to have completed their "re-deployment" away from the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiya which Israel considers to be near a "Red Line" limit to non-Lebanese forces. The move was seen to be timed to coincide with the current visit of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance whose office played a major role in defusing the Nabatiya dispute.

The Syrians were understood to have virtually pulled back from Nabatiya northward, but not beyond the Sidon-Jizzin line which Israel maintains to be the edge of its security belt with Lebanon.

The concept of the Red Line in southern Lebanon, as well as the replacement of Syrians by Lebanese state forces there, were expected to be raised in discussions with Vance today. The Secretary is due to visit Lebanon and Damascus over the weekend in the course of his current Middle East swing. (He also goes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.)

Meanwhile, tension in Beirut's southwestern districts eased yesterday after the Syrian dominated Arab peace-keepers there loosened their two-day siege around refugee camps serving as bastions for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The measure came after the PLO command acquiesced in a demand for the surrender of heavy weapons as well as for the handover of eight terrorists accused of murdering a Syrian lieutenant after he was wounded in weekend clashes. The Syrians had taken a ring of armour around the refugee camps of Sabra, Shatila and Borj el-Barajneh after

two days of fierce clashes stemming from PLO radicals' resistance to the surrender of heavy weapons.

The Syrians had planned to storm the three refugee camps on Monday night, but PLO chief Yasser Arafat appealed to Syrian President Hafez Assad for restraint, while undertaking to meet the peace-keeping force demands. Arafat yesterday conferred in Damascus with Syria's tough Prime Minister, Gen. Abdul Rahman Khleifawi. The PLO chief had earlier met Egyptian President Anwar Sadat who obviously referred him to Damascus to resolve the conflict.

Our military reporter adds:

Last night the army spokesman's office professed to have no information on the situation in Nabatiya. Once again the office said it could neither confirm nor deny reports of the alleged Syrian move from the town.

Yoram Hamirachi reports from Metulla:

The clashes between Christians and leftist forces in south Lebanon intensified yesterday and saw the arrival of Syrian tanks and heavy artillery in Metulla saw pillars of smoke rising from the Fatahland area north-east of the town — an area which has been relatively quiet for the last year.

Observers saw Christian artillery score accurate hits on leftist targets near Kaf Hamam and Rashaya el-Fukhar. Christians at the Metulla good fence border post told Israelis that the terrorists were attempting to move back into Fatahland. They said the terrorists are firing on Christian villages and have threatened to move towards the Hasbani River which separates Fatahland from the Christian enclave around Marj Ayoun.

Landau claims U.S. angry on 'red line' warnings to Syria

By ASHER WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A top Likud man in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee left the impression in the House yesterday that the U.S. was angry at Israel's warnings to Syria over the past year, not to cross the "red line" in southern Lebanon, and urged Israel to desert from such admonitions lest they merely escalate tensions unnecessarily.

The Likud man, Haim Landau, said that the U.S. told Israel it understood the Government was under heavy domestic pressure, which it had to appease, to issue such public warnings.

Landau was presenting a motion for the agenda on the presence of Syrian troops south of the "red line" — which was voted to the committee.

Landau said that after the "red line" was set by Israel as the line linking Sidon on the coast and Jezzin inland, the Syrians crossed it southwards to a depth of 24kms. Instead of the U.S. extending its good offices to defuse the situation, said the Government, it, in fact, sided and abetted the Syrians. It gave Damascus (tactical) cover in its plan to occupy the whole of Lebanon, at no risk to the Syrians, he said.

All three top Ministers were guilty of concealing these facts, Landau maintained that the U.S. had assured the Syrians and the Lebanese that Israel would not use force to push the Syrians back, yet Israeli leaders tried to give their own people the opposite impression. Now the Syrians had been persuaded to make what was no more than a gesture to the U.S. by shifting their forces back a mere seven kms. from Nabatiya. They were, however, still 15 kms. on the wrong side of the "red line."

"The Government made a 'festival in the media' about this, claiming a great victory, while in fact the next step would be to negotiate a new 'red line' all over. The Government's bombast about a 'red line' which it could not live up to, had undermined its credibility, Landau charged.

Foreign Minister Yigal Alon said in his reply that Israel's firm but measured diplomatic initiative had proven itself successful. Alon said Landau was making unfounded charges and that he knew exactly how the Syrians were got out of Nabatiya. Israel would not tolerate any violations of its interests. Its credibility had been maintained, and it would act further to restore the status quo ante, Alon assured the House.

Mordechai Ben-Porat (Alignment) said that the national leadership had whipped up public tension quite unnecessarily, and also put the new U.S. Administration to the test unnecessarily, as soon as it was installed. Government spokesmen should not have slighted Arab prestige with their public utterances, Ben-Porat said, warning that "war in the Middle East can easily break out over prestige."

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance today launches intensive consultations in Jerusalem with top Government leaders, on the first step of his six-nation Middle East tour.

Vance, who arrived at Ben-Gurion airport at 7 yesterday evening, said that the "enduring trust and confidence" between Israel and the U.S. is a "fundamental underlying principle" of the search for peace in the Middle East. He said that there was "no question" but that the U.S. is "deeply committed to the security and survival of Israel."

The Secretary of State's arrival lacked much of the fanfare of the visits of his predecessor, Dr. Henry Kissinger. The squads of American security men who were so much in evidence when Kissinger visited Jerusalem were not obvious to viewers either at the airport or at Vance's residence, the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

Vance, who met briefly with Foreign Minister Yigal Alon last night, is due to end his Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Yigal Alon and Defence Minister Shimon Peres, as well as with former Premier Golda Meir, at separate meetings. Rabin, Alon, Peres, the Ambassador to Washington Simcha Dinitz and the Prime Minister's Adviser on Intelligence Affairs, Yehoshua Harkabi, yesterday held a top-level consultation prior to their talks with Vance.

A well-placed official told The Jerusalem Post last night that Government leaders would not go beyond "stating old positions" in their talks with Vance.

The Secretary himself was expected to canvass Jerusalem's opinion on three major issues — the concept of peace in the context of an over-all Middle East settlement, the extent of possible Israeli withdrawal from territories the Arabs lost in the 1967 war, and the Palestinian question.

The official said that Jerusalem had already been assured that there was no change in the mainstream of the American Middle East approach, which is essentially based on Washington's agreement with Israel that there will be no Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 frontiers, and that the question of the political future of the Palestinians should be solved in the context of a settlement between Israel and Jordan.

The official, nevertheless, cautioned that Washington and Jerusalem were clearly in disagreement over "marginal" issues, including that of the export of Kfir warplanes to Ecuador; the supply of U.S.-made concussion bombs; arms limitation; and the controversial oil drilling in the Gulf of Suez.

At the airport, Vance said: "I have one simple message, and that message is that the U.S. is convinced

that a fundamental underlying principle of our search for peace is the enduring trust and confidence between our two nations, which has been the foundation of our relationship for three decades." He continued: "Let there be no question. The U.S. is deeply committed to the security and survival of Israel, to its values; these are objects of peace, a peace which all devoutly hope for."

Vance was replying to a welcoming statement by Foreign Minister Alon, who said that "it is a long time since the last (Sinal interim) agreement was signed between Egypt and Israel, and it is high time that the political momentum should be revived." Alon noted: "We are not for stagnation. On the contrary, we would like to see movement in the area towards peace..."

A seasoned observer told The Post last night that he doubted whether the Vance visit would have any substantial impact because of the impending Israeli elections, the Labour Party leadership fight between Rabin and Peres, and the still undetermined effect of the Asher Yadlin scandal on the government and the ruling Labour Party.

Jerusalem would have wished, the observer said, that the Secretary had come when internal issues had been settled, after the Knesset election in May.

Vance is scheduled to leave tomorrow for Cairo, for talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. Then he moves on to Beirut, Riyadh, Amman and Damascus.

American officials appear to place special importance on Vance's talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad, the man who now pulls many strings in the Middle East and who has extended Damascus' influence over Lebanon, Jordan and key factions in the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Assad yesterday arrived in Bucharest, on an unexplained visit for two days of talks with Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu. Assad's visit has attracted considerable attention, as it occurred in the midst of a month of intensive Middle East diplomacy.

The nature of Assad's trip was not disclosed by either Damascus or Bucharest, Rumania is the only Eastern European country maintaining relations with Israel and the Arab states.

Rumania, observers said, might be acting as a go-between between Syria and the Soviet Union on regional developments. Damascus' relations with Moscow were strained recently over Syria's intervention against the PLO-leftist alliance in Lebanon and Syria's alignment with Egypt, now the Kremlin's main critic in the Arab world.

Observers said that Assad might be seeking to avoid going to Moscow, to avoid any suggestion of his dependence on the Russians on the eve of Vance's arrival in Damascus next Sunday.

Israel complains about U.S. Suez oil statement

WASHINGTON. — Israel has complained to the U.S. over the State Department's sharp rebuke of Israel's oil explorations in the Sinai and Gulf of Suez.

Embassy Minister Hanon Bar-On, sitting in for ambassador Simcha Dinitz, currently in Jerusalem for Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's visit, conveyed Israel's "astonishment" over the timing and content of the statement, released by acting State Department spokesman Frederick Brown a few hours before Vance left Washington for Israel.

The State Department called Israel's oil drillings "illegal" and "not helpful to efforts to get peace negotiations under way."

According to informed sources here, Bar-On, acting on instructions from the State Department, would adversely affect the atmosphere in U.S.-Israel relations for Vance's meeting in Israel.

American officials have conceded that the timing of the statement was "unfortunate" and that neither Washington nor Jerusalem wanted to make a major issue out of the matter at this time.

Informed sources here said that the statement, which followed a report on Monday morning in "The Washington Post" on Israel's oil explorations, had been cleared by second-level State Department officials and not at the top.

There is a growing feeling among Israel's supporters in Washington that those decisions which adversely affect Israel are caused by the inordinate amount of influence wielded by mid-level State and Defence Department officials on the decision-making policy in this still young Carter Administration.

The issue has been in dispute between Jerusalem and Washington ever since the Six Day War, with the U.S. protesting several occasions when Israel expanded existing oil fields or sank new wells in Sinai or off-shore.

The most serious flare-up occurred six months ago when Israeli gunboats fired on American-Egyptian-owned marker buoys involved in Egyptian-instigated drilling in the Gulf of Suez. The U.S. upholds Egypt's legal right to drill in the Gulf and denies Israel's claim to such a right — either in the Gulf or in Sinai itself.

The spokesman's remarks about the oil rig follow a number of awkward episodes in U.S.-Israel relations recently, among them the U.S. veto on Israel's sale of Kfir planes to Ecuador, and the Carter Administration's reversal of the Ford decision to supply "cluster bombs" to Israel.

Officials have seemed anxious yesterday not to allow these episodes to mar the Vance visit. They noted that the Carter policy on arms sales was decidedly stricter than his predecessor's, and said that Israel would have to learn to live with it.

In the over-all context of U.S.-Israel ties, said one high source, these episodes were not of major importance. Another source acknowledged, however, that if the veto on Kfir sales were maintained — as it apparently will be — the Israeli Aircraft Industry will take a hard knock.

Rabin invited

Prime Minister Rabin has been invited to visit Paris, government circles in Jerusalem reported last night. A date is now being considered.

It is understood the French are interested in the visit as signifying a healing of the recent rift with Israel.

U.S. missile boats for Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Navy yesterday awarded Peterson Builders Inc. a \$18.3m. contract to build nine missile-firing patrol gunboats for Saudi Arabia. (AP)

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Nazareth	44	10-26	24
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received the Colombian Ambassador, Dr. Carlos Enrique Ardia Ordonez, on completion of his tour of duty in Israel. The Ambassador was also received by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The President also received Professor Benjamin Mazar, Prof. Moshe Weinfeld and Mordchei Neuman, who presented him with the first volume of the Yearbook for Bible and Ancient Jewish History.

A reception in honour of Moshe Rivlin, the new chairman of the Jewish National Fund directorate, was given yesterday evening at Beit Agron, Jerusalem, by the Zionist Council, the Jewish Agency and the Journalist Association.

A reception for members of the UJA leaders group from the U.S. was given by World Wizo President, Mrs. Raya Jaglom at her home, on Saturday, February 13. Among the guests were members of the Jewish Agency Executive, MKs, the President of Tel Aviv University, industrialists and financiers. Avraham Shavit, President of the Manufacturers Association, addressed the gathering.

Dr. Arnon Sofer will speak on "An Israeli Scientist in Russia," at the Haifa Rotary Club, Not Hotel, at 1 o'clock today.

The first Ya'acov Dori Memorial Prize for outstanding Technion students was awarded yesterday to Haim Cohen of the Industrial and management engineering faculty on the fourth anniversary of Dori's death. Dori, the IDF's first Chief of Staff, served as Technion President from 1961 to 1965.

Ben-Gurion University president Yosef Tekoah will speak on the Arab-Israeli conflict at the Israeli-American Friendship Society in Haifa, 8 o'clock this evening, Wednesday, at the Dan-Carmel Hotel.

Professor Menahem Rebbun of the Technion is to receive this year's Elise and Walter Haas International Award to a foreign alumnus of the University of California for distinguished service to his country. Rebbun, an expert on water resources quality management, who took his master's degree at the University of California at Berkeley, now heads the Environmental Engineering and Water Resources centers in the Technion's Civil Engineering Department.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the YMCA at 1 o'clock today.

ARRIVALS

Professor Dr. Jean Pierre Archimbaud, Lyons, and Dr. Naomig Nimsaki, Tokyo, arrived today to study the special technique of Sharplan laser surgery.

DEPARTURES

Moshe Mendelbaum, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for the U.S., to discuss sales to that country (by El Al).

Three children die in Gaza accidents

GAZA. — A two-year-old girl, Narman Mu'arra, was run over and killed by a lorry at Jebelya, near here, yesterday morning. In another road accident, a 6-year-old girl, Sana Abu Hamad, died. And on Monday another 6-year-old, Dinav Sviah, was run over and killed in the Strip.

The three drivers involved in the accidents have been arrested. (Tdim)

Vance to learn Israel is ready for Geneva

By ASHER WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon told the Knesset yesterday that in the conversations with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Israel would report that it was ready to attend the Geneva Conference, and hoped it would be convened without delay.

Replying to two motions for the agenda, Allon said that Israel would demand contractual peace agreements as the objective of the negotiations, and the normalization of relations in return for a territorial compromise, which had not yet been defined but which would have to entail secure borders for Israel.

Allon said that in February 1976, Jerusalem had authorized Washington to inquire in three Arab capitals whether they were ready to negotiate an end to the state of war. The expectation was that such negotiations would have to be agreed upon by the U.S. and Israel, beforehand. Israel's proposal to Egypt, Syria and Jordan still stood, the U.S. Secretary would be told.

The Foreign Minister assured the House that Israel had a pattern of

agreements with the U.S., whereby joint stands had been worked out with respect to Geneva, the PLO, and a Palestine state.

"It is a good thing that those agreements with the U.S. were signed when they were signed," the Minister said.

The U.S. is the most likely force in the world capable of helping attain such a peace, he said. Only the U.S. is capable of maintaining relations with both sides, while the Soviet Union, to Israel's profound regret, is pursuing an increasingly anti-Israel and one-sided policy which determines the Geneva decisions even before the conference begins.

Yoram Aridor (Likud), whose motion was voted to committee, said that opposition to a Palestine state must mean opposition to any withdrawal on the Jordan front.

Meir Pa'il (Moked), whose motion was struck off the agenda, said that Allon should not have spoken so discourteously about UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

Rabinowitz's denial

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night. Mordchei Ben-Porat had earlier asked for the floor but he withdrew his request.

Labour leaders were yesterday divided on whether Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin or Defence Minister Shimon Peres would benefit in next week's party convention from Asher Yadin's claim.

Some said the claims will help Peres. They argued that Yadin said he raised the money following pressure by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz. This diminished Rabinowitz's influence and since the finance minister has been one of Rabin's main backers — the development weakens Rabin.

But a Rabin supporter reasoned that Rabinowitz has been more of a liability to Rabin than an asset because members are demanding changes in the leadership team.

Yizraeli, Habimah director, quits

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yossi Yizraeli, artistic director of Habimah, handed in his resignation yesterday. Yizraeli, who was appointed to the post a year and a half ago, was considered at the time an extremely promising young director who had the potential to revitalize the national theatre's repertoire.

Habimah's Board of Trustees member Yosef Geva told The Jerusalem Post that Yizraeli's resignation had been expected, following dissatisfaction on the part of the company's actors with his choice of artistic programmes and management methods.

"The Board will meet on Friday to consider new candidates for the post. Yizraeli was not available for comment last night.

Labour efforts to heal rift with Hacohen

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Labour Party moved quickly yesterday to bring Rabbi Menahem Hacohen back into the fold.

Rabbi Hacohen, who represents Ha'oved Hadati — the Religious Workers movement in the Histadrut — informed the Knesset Speaker on Monday that he had quit the Labour Knesset Faction and would henceforth constitute a separate faction.

Yesterday, Labour's steering committee — after hearing a plea by party secretary Meir Zarmi — agreed to recommend to the party convention the adoption of three points which constitute recognition of Ha'oved Hadati as a "stream" within the party. This is a status now enjoyed by Ihud Hakibbutzim, Hakibbutz Hameushad, women voters, and the Young Guard, among others.

The debate in the steering committee was described as "lively and often stormy." The decision, adopted by a majority vote, was a reversal of a vote taken by the preparatory committee on Sunday. The preparatory committee had then rejected a declarative paragraph in the draft platform calling upon the members of Ha'oved Hadati "to contribute of their ideas and ideals" to the party at large.

Moshe Carmel, ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda, on Sunday led the attack on this paragraph, asking why the same invitation should not be extended to "the carpenters and the metal workers." He was backed by Shoshana Arbeli, Avraham Giveler, and Danny Rosolio. And the paragraph was then struck out.

The other two points that the steering committee yesterday decided to recommend to the convention were:

Yadin's statement definitely blocks Rabinowitz's entry into a new cabinet, so the convention delegates are assured there will be changes in a new Rabin headed team, he said. Rabin supporters also claimed that nearly all key Labour members had been involved with party finances. Peres has been an assistant to the party's Secretary General and had headed the Rafi list in the mid 1960s. Thus he, too, had to rely on contributions, they argued.

Rabin, Peres fight for Arab votes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres are to hold separate meetings this weekend with the Arab and Druse delegates to the Labour Party convention to rally support before next week's vote on the party's candidate for the premiership.

A total of 75 Arab and 25 Druse delegates have been elected to the convention. They are not organized in any bloc and will vote individually. It was learned that Deputy Premier Yigal Allon is using his influence to persuade Arab delegates to support Rabin.

1,900 trees planted in Rafah camp

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAFAH. — About 1,900 pupils took part in a tree-planting ceremony yesterday at the Taha Hussein boys school at the Rafah Dekel A refugee camp.

The children, who planted some 1,900 saplings, were congratulated on their initiative by the Gaza Strip Military Commander and the mayor of Rafah.

Public reacts to Yadin through courts, police

THE NATION'S highest court has been brought into the arena of the Yadin affair, as public response begins to manifest itself on the political and legal fronts. Histadrut involvement on this level also now appears inevitable.

A Jerusalem lawyer, Yitzhak Barzilai, asked the High Court yesterday to instruct the Attorney-General to explain why he was not opening an investigation into the Labour Party, following the allegations made by Asher Yadin in the Tel Aviv District Court on Monday.

Justice Meir Shamgar referred the application for discussion by a three-man bench.

Tel Aviv lawyer Zvi Sa'ar, leader of the under-40s political party, the "New Generation," has filed a complaint with the police against Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Aharon Yadin, David Kalderon and Ze'ev Weisman, "on suspicion of having committed criminal offences of an economic nature."

Sa'ar asserts that search and arrest warrants should be taken out against the men, "in order to prevent a cover-up, including the disappearance of documents." He also wants to avoid delays in further investigation of the Yadin affair.

A police spokesman acknowledged that the complaint had been received, but said he had not yet read it.

Uri Avneri, leader of the "Ha'olam Hareh" movement, demanded at a Beit Sakolow press conference yesterday that the Labour Party be required to return the money that Asher Yadin said in his court evidence had been transferred to it from Histadrut funds.

Further investigation into the Yadin affair should be linked with whatever discoveries were made in relation to the late Avraham Ofer's activities, Avneri said. He echoed Zvi Sa'ar's demand for an investigation into the parts played by Kalderon, Rabinowitz and Aharon Yadin.

And the Independent Liberal end Moked members of the Histadrut executive last night called for an urgent meeting of the Histadrut plenum, to discuss Yadin's accusations. They are demanding a full investigation by the Histadrut comptroller. The Histadrut spokesman declined to comment, but informed sources said the demand would probably be raised at today's meeting of the central committee.



U.S. Congressman Joshua Ellberg, centre, who heads the House Immigration committee, witnesses a reunion at Ben-Gurion airport yesterday between a newcomer from the Soviet Union, Grisha Bernstein, and his sister, who had not seen each other for 55 years. Ellberg yesterday also met a number of Jews who had been active in the dissident movement in the USSR, as well as families of Prisoners of Zion and persons refused visas to immigrate to Israel. (Israel Sun)

Rehovot mayor gave 'thousands' to police

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — Mayor Shmuel Rechtman said yesterday that he had delivered several thousand pounds in voluntary contributions to Mordchei Ben-Porat, chairman of the Police Welfare Association. The contributions had been made, Rechtman told The Jerusalem Post, in response to a circular letter he received from national police headquarters last year.

The Rehovot mayor was responding to criticism in the State Comptroller's report on the municipal administration, published yesterday. The Comptroller said that Rechtman had solicited contributions from contractors working for the city.

On Monday, Rechtman said that the local police also had asked him for contributions to the Welfare Association, a voluntary group of

civilians raising funds to build special camps and clubs for police officers and their families.

Top officials at National Police Headquarters could not be reached for comment yesterday. Neither Ray-Paked Hana Kotzer, liaison officer to the Welfare Association at the national headquarters in Jerusalem, nor the internal comptroller of police, Nitzav Margalit, were available for comment on the letter.

Another official, Nitzav Shmuel Eitan, comptroller of the Ministry of Police, said that he had never heard of a circular letter such as Rechtman described.

The State Comptroller's office said yesterday that it is investigating Rechtman's charges.

Missing girl found in Spain after five months

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT. — A five-month drama ended happily in Cadix on Monday when Mrs. Hanna Kahn was reunited with her daughter Eliza, 17, who disappeared in Europe five months ago. Eliza's sister Shoshana told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Eliza Kahn left Israel for a European holiday on August 15. Her mother was worried when she received no letters for six weeks. When a skeleton was found in a sleeping bag in Marbella, Spain, where Eliza was last seen, it was feared it was the

Rehovot girl. After an autopsy disproved this, Mrs. Kahn went to Amsterdam on a hunch that Eliza might be there.

Meanwhile, the amateur radio operators who had helped Mrs. Kahn in her contacts with the Spanish authorities, placed advertisements in local papers to track down the girl. The police were alerted and started a search.

After several weeks they found Eliza in Cadix and phoned her mother. Mrs. Kahn flew to Cadix for an emotional reunion. The two called Shoshana on Monday to give her the good news.

BACKGROUND REPORT / Shalom Cohen

Yadin's statements vs. Alignment figures

Asher Yadin, in his courtroom allegations about election funding for the Labour Party, claimed that he had raised "millions." Such a claim, if referring to the 1973 general elections, is totally at variance with the official report the party submitted to the State Comptroller.

Alignment's spending, reported for the last general election — that of Labour and Mapam together — amounted to IL 14,955,387. Under the 1973 Parties Financing Law, the Alignment was permitted to spend a maximum of IL 14,820,000. This last figure includes the State allocations to the faction for each MK in the outgoing Knesset, plus one-third which the party may raise on its own.

According to the information submitted to the State Comptroller, the Labour-Mapam Alignment raised about IL 5.5m. from its own sources. Such a figure leaves little room for "millions" which Asher Yadin said he raised on his own.

But he may have included the 1969 elections as well. The parties were then financed by the State under an ad hoc law, later amended and expanded into the 1973 law. It remains to be seen if, after sentencing next week, Asher Yadin will be able or willing to be more explicit.

The 1973 Parties Financing Law has no reference in its five pages of print to any major penalty for violations by the parties. (The law, for example, forbids soliciting contributions from corporate bodies). Thus, any legal action resulting from Yadin's statement would have to be taken against the contributing bodies or possible accessories to such acts.

The only penalty provided for by the election financing law is a forfeiture of 15 per cent of the State allocations, which are held in reserve until after the elections pending approval by the State Comptroller. In several cases, the law also provides for non-payment of a party's current expenditure — a bill also foisted by the State — for a three month period.

Interviewed by The Jerusalem Post in December on the efficacy of the law, officials acknowledged it was largely a matter of trust and honour, especially since the party declarations attached to their reports were signed by an MK. Parties' books must be accessible to the Comptroller, the Law says, but it seems obvious that a painstaking check could take anywhere until the next elections.

The Comptroller has been asking the Knesset Finance Committee for over a year to plug some loopholes in the law — such as a clearer definition of "corporate bodies". Comptroller Ernst Nebenzahl was baffled by "bodies connected with the parties" whose activities "correspond with and promote the objectives of the faction," he said in his report on the 1973 elections. Nothing materialized.

MKs. slash loan to Egged

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved State guarantees for a IL 15m. loan to Egged via its Mifalei Tahnot subsidiary (which operates Egged's bus terminals and other property).

The committee refused to approve guarantees worth IL 250m. because Egged had not yet fulfilled its part of the agreement to restructure its indebtedness, and put shares in Mifalei Tahnot under State control. Gideon Pat (Likud) charged in committee that the loan was in part a device to channel unwarranted profits to Bank Hapoalim.

In the plenum, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said that he hoped Egged would soon take out of customs the remaining 200 buses and chassis imported after the Yom Kippur war, which the cooperative did not have the money to release. Three hundred others have already been released. He hoped that all future financial arrangements with Egged would be made conditional on the release of the 200 buses and chassis.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Yosef Tamir (Likud) who charged that the 200 were so rusty, lying outside for the past two years, that it would cost IL 30,000 to make each one road-worthy.

Aguda bloc likely to split

The Agudat Yisrael central committee met last night in Jerusalem, and all indications at press time were that it would decide to break up its alliance with Poalei Agudat Yisrael.

In the last elections, the two parties united in the Tora Religious Front and secured five Knesset seats — three for Aguda and two for Poalei Aguda.

Shimon-Lorincz MK, who speaks for the Beal Brak rabbis in Agudat Yisrael, had threatened to take his faction out of the party if the union with Poalei Aguda were continued.

But it is questionable whether formal amendments of the law could make it fool-proof. The Comptroller, in his report to the Knesset Speaker, did say that the law had encouraged "restraint" in party election spending.

Perhaps that was because virtually all the parties, in their official reports to the Comptroller, showed they just managed to keep within the permitted ceiling by the slimmest margin.

Incidentally, the next largest electoral spending for the 1973 elections,

Controllers stop warning foreign pilot

By ZE'EV SCHUL, Post Aviation Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Control tower crews have stopped telling foreign airline pilots that they are landing here at their own risk.

For several days this week, the controllers were delivering messages to all overseas flights approaching the airport, according to airport manager Ezra Balas, warnings stopped. Balas said after he sent an order countermanding the messages to representatives of all foreign airlines at Israel earlier this week.

Balas also threatened the workers with court action and disciplinary measures if they continued to send the inaccurate warnings. The airport manager said the warnings were part of the tower men's sanctions, which have been imposing for more than a week. The controllers based their warnings, he said, on the fact that the runway closest to the was being resurfaced, and they could not see the entire length of other runway, strip 06-24.

"That is a cock and bull story," Balas told The Post. "The controllers 'cannot see some 700 m. of the main runway, nor can they the length of the field at night, had weather, when planes brought down by the ILS (instrument landing system). This applies not only to the Ben-Gurion land strips but to airfields all over the world," he said.

Strip 06-24 had been in operation for the past seven years and it used daily by jumbo taking a long-distance trips with max loads of fuel and passengers. It was not clear yesterday whether the controllers had applied any sanctions.

Questions on Yadin's 'trade'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

A Likud MK has alleged Professor Yigal Yadin trade archaeological objects. In a parliamentary question Education Minister Aharon Yehoshua Gruper asks him to do how much business, if any, the leader does, where he gets his facts from to sell, and whether or not they are from the digs which himself managed.

Did Yadin sell anything he found Masada and Megiddo? Gruper asked. Did Yadin break the law in respect, and if so, what does Ministry intend to do about Gruper asked.

(The Ministry is responsible for the Department of Antiquities.) The issue of Moshe Dayan's role in antiquities has been in the Knesset Education Committee recently, is not yet over.

Yadin last night denied charges. He said that he had "sold antiquities," and deplored Likud MK's making the charge.

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The Family

Control stop Egyptian to fight for Israel's foreign presence at Moscow parley

By ZVI YERUSHALIMSKY
The Egyptian head of the UN Environment Programme (Unep) is expected to arrive in Moscow tomorrow for a conference to be held in the city on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Suez Canal Peace Treaty. The conference is being organized by the Egyptian government and the UN Environment Programme. The Egyptian head of the UN Environment Programme (Unep) is expected to arrive in Moscow tomorrow for a conference to be held in the city on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Suez Canal Peace Treaty. The conference is being organized by the Egyptian government and the UN Environment Programme.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter
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15 Years for "Green Light"

The daily radio programme for the driver and the passenger "Green Light," is now celebrating its 15th year of broadcasting. At a festive party held recently, "Sonol," who has sponsored the programme since its first broadcast, was awarded a Certificate of Merit for its contribution to deepening the public's awareness of road safety. Mr. Jack Freeman, General Manager of "Sonol," received the certificate and noted the strong connection which has existed for so many years between "Sonol" and the National Council for Prevention of Accidents, its partner in the broadcasts.



Internal revenue men at the Knesset yesterday protesting against remarks by Manufacturers Association chief Avraham (Bama) Shavit during their recent strike, that they were "pirates and saboteurs."

Criminologist says jail leave plan doesn't work

Homs leave for prisoners, as promised in the Israel penal system, does nothing to help in the rehabilitation of the prisoner, nor is it even valuable as a prize for good behavior, according to a recent study by a Hebrew University criminologist. Dr. Yael Hassin, after interviewing prisoners before and after such parole, found that they tended to waste away the time given to them on one amusement place to another, often spending thousands of (illegally acquired) pounds. She pointed out that the leaves begin after a third or half of the sentence has been served, just the point where the influence of prison society is at its highest. The prisoners fail to use their free time to look for work or otherwise plan for their release—and the prisons give them no guidance to encourage them to do so.

Ex-Customs chief Peled denies bribery charges

Suspended Customs and Excise chief David Peled yesterday denied the prosecution's charges at the start of his trial for bribery at the Jerusalem District Court. After Peled denied he was guilty of taking bribes in all the seven cases detailed in the charge sheet, the judge adjourned hearings until next Tuesday. Peled is accused of taking \$30,000 in bribes from the late financier, William Robinson, transgressing foreign currency regulations, and receiving goods and services from importers in return for assuring them preferential treatment. He is further charged with buying a television set at a \$400 discount from the Overseas Radio Corporation, trading in an old Singer sewing machine without paying any money to Servo-Dynamics Ltd. for the new machine; receiving a gas range with an oven from the S. Friedman Ltd. firm; free of charge; trading in an old Fiat 132 car without paying the Fiat agency in Israel anything for the new car, and receiving free services for the new car, Fiat paying the garage bill. The prosecution claims that Peled received all the cash, goods and fringe benefits "as bribes for actions connected with his job."

Latvian ex-Nazi denies burning Riga Jews alive

ALBANY, N.Y. — A 71-year-old Latvian has denied he committed crimes against Jews, including the burning alive of several hundred Jews in a Riga synagogue. Vilis Hazners, who moved to the U.S. in 1956, made the denial at a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Court on Monday. He was appealing against an order for his deportation, issued on January 28. Hazners served as an officer in the Nazi-backed Latvian SS Legion during the war. He is charged with having entered the U.S. from Germany in 1956 in violation of the anti-war crimes proviso of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. The deportation notice accuses Hazners of participating in "collecting a group of Jews in Riga, Latvia, after detaining them at the big synagogue on Gogol Street, Riga, Latvia, after which the said synagogue was set afire and the detained Jews burned to death, therein, in or about July, 1941."

Work to resume at fire-damaged Izhar plant today

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The fire-damaged Izhar vegetable oil plant will resume production today, after a one-day stoppage caused by Monday night's multi-million pound fire. Izhar general manager Eitan Ezrahi said yesterday that work would resume in the refining, bottling, packing and shipping departments at the plant, in the Nahlat Yitzhak industrial area. The oil extraction section of the plant, Ezrahi said, was demolished and will have to be rebuilt. In the meantime, crude oil will be processed at another site, he said. According to the official, the cause of the fire still had not been determined. But he said that he doubted that it was started by an electric spark or a short-circuit. Two workers injured in the fire were reported recovering at Ichilov Hospital. It took 70 firemen from Tel Aviv and surrounding towns several hours to extinguish the blaze, which broke out on Monday evening.

Rumanian XI here for friendly match

The Jerusalem Hapoel football team will play a friendly match on Saturday against S.K. of Rumania. The group is here as a guest of Jerusalem Hapoel organization and a reception for the team on Friday will be attended by Mayor Teddy Kollek.

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Key jobs to Bat Yam official under fraud, bribery investigation

By SARAH HONIG, Jerusalem Post Reporter
BAT YAM. — Two of this city's most important municipal portfolios have been awarded to a deputy mayor who is being investigated by police on charges of fraud and bribery. Deputy Mayor Yehuda Shekel on Monday night was put in charge of the municipal inspection department and given the engineering portfolio. As such he is responsible for the recently re-organized inspection corps which enforces municipal by-laws and is in charge of all public construction as well as the publication and handling of tenders for these jobs. Another deputy mayor — Maurice Abukhal — is also being investigated on fraud and bribe charges. Both men defected from the Likud recently to bring about the ouster of former Mayor Yitzhak Walker. They have been accused by a local printer, Gilbert Bouccara, of having opened municipal tenders illegally so that he could place a more competitive bid. Shekel was to have received several thousand pounds out of the deal, Bouccara charges. Bouccara, who has received state witness status, alleges that the two conspired with him to counterfeit documents and to defraud the municipality by submitting inflated receipts for fictitious expenses. He also claims that the two had taken bribes and pocketed funds earmarked for the Moroccan community's Maimonides Day celebrations. Bouccara told The Jerusalem Post that he had given police cheques and other forms of evidence to back up his charges. He is being given police protection. Sources in Bat Yam say that new developments in the case "are expected any day now." The district police spokesman told The Post that the investigation is continuing vigorously. Shekel was awarded his new posts at the first city council meeting after last week's election of another Likud defector, David Messika, as mayor. The three defectors have teamed up with nine of the Alignment's 10 councillors. The 10th, Dr. Hero Reicher, refused to vote with his party. In addition to his new duties, Shekel retains a post he held under the old administration, responsibility for beach services. Mayor Messika is expected to serve only three months, when he will be replaced by his present first deputy, the Alignment's former mayor, Menabem Rothschild. Messika will also handle the finance and tax collection portfolios. Rothschild was given the city planning and building portfolio. Abukhal is now in charge of sanitation. The Messika group yesterday denied charges by the old Walker administration that personnel close to it have been dismissed. Both sides agree that three city employees have lost their posts, but the Likud is charging that more people have been threatened with dismissal. The Tachanat Lavan faction in the Histadrut yesterday dispatched a telegram of protest over the issue to the Histadrut and the Labour Minister. The city spokesman told The Post that "no political purges are being conducted here."

Argentina forbids neo-Nazi material in the mails

TEL AVIV. — Argentina has forbidden the use of the postal service to send anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi material, the Argentinean Ambassador said here yesterday. Ambassador Enrique Jorge Ros was the luncheon guest of the Israel Executive of the World Jewish Congress. In response to questions about the reappearance of a Nazi publishing house, Ros said his country would ban the publication of such material. He added that he had received a memorandum from his government stating that it would put an end to any actions which could destroy the balance between the various cultural groups which make up Argentina. The Ambassador, accompanied by the embassy first secretary and military attaché, described the contributions of Argentine Jewry from the middle of the last century until the present day.

Man held in wife's death by stabbing

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A 27-year-old Swiss tourist was stabbed to death here early yesterday morning, and her husband is being held for questioning. Police were called to an apartment which the couple shared with four other persons, at 5.30 yesterday morning. The victim, wounded in the groin, was rushed to the Josephthal Medical Centre, where she was dead on arrival. Police interviewed neighbours, who said that the couple had been arguing for several days.

Man stabbed to death in T.A.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Police are questioning the wife of a 32-year-old man who was found stabbed to death yesterday afternoon in his apartment in the Shapira quarter. The dead man, Eli Ben-Avraham, was painting a wall in the flat when a stranger entered the room and attacked him with a knife, his wife told police. She said she rushed her husband, an Arab, who converted to Judaism, to Ichilov Hospital where he died of his wounds. Police said they found stains in the apartment where someone apparently had attempted to wash away blood. Other members of the victim's family also are being questioned, police said.

USSR ready to allow inspection

GENEVA. — The Soviet Union said yesterday it was ready to reconsider long-standing objections to foreign inspections on its territory to help speed an international agreement banning underground nuclear weapons tests. Soviet delegation leader Viktor Likhachev gave the assurance at the opening of the 1977 session of the 30-nation Geneva Disarmament Conference, whose efforts to outlaw nuclear blasts have been stalled for years over this specific issue. Likhachev recalled that the Soviet Union told last year's UN General Assembly session in New York it was prepared to seek a mutually acceptable agreement for voluntary inspections at the site of suspect underground disturbances to check whether they were secret nuclear tests or only earth tremors. "Thus at present there are no grounds to shun the negotiations under the pretext of verification difficulties," Likhachev said. (Reuters)

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Spain relaxes press censorship after cracking guerrilla group

MADRID. — Following the smashing of Spain's most violent group of urban guerrillas, the government yesterday partly lifted the curbs on press freedom which it had imposed to maintain the secrecy of the investigations.

New violence, meanwhile, was reported from Las Palmas where a suspected member of the Canary Islands Independence Movement rolled a hand grenade under a police jeep. The blast damaged the vehicle, but the policemen escaped without injury and arrested the attacker.

The press curbs were cancelled after police made public a 28-page report on the cracking last week of the network of the "Anti-Fascist Resistance Group October 1" (Grapo). The left-wing guerrilla band had claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of two high-ranking officials, bombings and slayings.

In a news conference on Monday night, police said the number of arrested Grapo suspects now totalled 40, among them most of the group's alleged leaders and several women.

Police displayed seized weapons

including some the guerrillas had taken from slain policemen. They released new details of how they rescued the kidnapped officials and how guerrillas killed a total of eight policemen since 1970.

The government has said the terror campaign was aimed at halting Spain's democratization process.

National security director Mariano Nicolas Garcia described Grapo as the military arm of the reconstructed Communist Party of Spain (PCR), a Marxist splinter group. He said police were still hunting for five fugitive Grapo terrorists.

"The Grapo are wolves in the street, sheep in captivity," Garcia said in describing how the captured guerrillas were willingly talking about their organization and their background. Apparently no charges have been brought against those detained so far.

The curbs on the press were imposed a week ago in the form of a blackout on all news stories and comments relating to terrorist activity and the investigations. The press was only allowed to print official information.

British Foreign Secretary Crosland dangerously ill

LONDON. — The serious illness of Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland yesterday presented British Prime Minister James Callaghan with the unexpected prospect of making early changes to his cabinet.

Crosland, 58, an apparently robust man until now, was reported on Monday night to be dangerously ill in Oxford's Radcliffe Infirmary following a stroke last Sunday. His American-born wife Susan was keeping a bedside vigil.

There are doubts that the minister, who is the current President of the European Common Market's Council of Ministers, will ever be well enough to return to his arduous post at the Foreign Office.

Callaghan had planned to make a cabinet reshuffle around July, and Crosland was widely tipped to exchange jobs with Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey. This would have allowed Healey to complete the annual budget and for Crosland to carry out his Common Market and other duties. Britain's six-month presidency of the European Economic Community (EEC) ends in June.

This is an exceptionally busy time for the Foreign Office with a Commonwealth heads of state conference to be held in London in June, the deadlocked Rhodesian constitutional dispute and worries about Britain's fishing rights around its shores.

It means that Callaghan cannot long delay the appointment of a successor. Crosland was to have accompanied him on the scheduled visit to Washington in mid-March for talks with President Jimmy Carter.

If Healey cannot take over shortly,



then Home Secretary (Interior Minister) Merlyn Rees is considered by some political observers here as the next likely choice, even if only as a caretaker foreign secretary. Like Crosland, Rees is a moderate in the ruling Labour Party and he is a close adviser of the prime minister.

Crosland's deputy, David Owen, 33, is temporarily filling the position. (Reuters)

Female bandits

ESSEN, West Germany. — Three armed women held up a bank on Tuesday and escaped with 250,000 marks (almost \$14m.).

In West Berlin on Monday two women and a man held up a bank and got away with 125,000 marks. Police said they believed the two women in West Berlin were convicted urban guerrillas who escaped from prison last July. (UPI)

The government lifted the censorship as far as Grapo was concerned, but maintained it in regard to the "Anti-Communist Apostolic Alliance of Spain" (AAA), an extremist right-wing group that has claimed responsibility for the slaying last month of five Communist lawyers and a student protester.

Police, so far, have not reported any arrests of AAA suspects.

Opposition spokesmen, meanwhile, expressed satisfaction with the outcome of new negotiations on Monday between Premier Adolfo Suarez and a delegation of centre and left-wing politicians.

The talks are aimed at setting the ground rules for Spain's first free elections in 41 years late in spring. Opposition sources said there was apparently agreement on all major points, and further talks on this subject would probably not be necessary.

The opposition also wants to discuss with Suarez other political questions such as the release of Spain's remaining 171 political prisoners and the minorities problems. (UPI)

UK supports Lisbon's bid to join EEC

LONDON. — Prime Minister James Callaghan has pledged Britain's support for Portugal's bid to become a member of the European Common Market.

Callaghan declared at a dinner honouring Portuguese Prime Minister Mario Soares on Monday night: "You will have the full support of the British Government in your endeavours and we look forward to the time when Portugal will be able to take her full place in the community of Europe."

But a spokesman for Callaghan said he and Soares had agreed there are "many practical difficulties" and that Portugal's acceptance as a full EEC member will take time.

Soares flew into London on Monday on the first leg of a European tour to muster support for Portugal's efforts to join the Common Market. He will visit all nine EEC member nations.

Soares, who heads a minority socialist government, stressed before leaving Lisbon: "We are a European nation and we need the moral boost Common Market membership will give us."

The Common Market Foreign Ministers who met in Brussels on February 8 gave only a heavily qualified welcome to Portugal's application.

They agreed that all of them should tell Soares that, while they welcomed Portugal's political commitment to Europe, solutions first must be found for its economic, social, financial and agricultural problems. (AP, UPI)

U.S. arms cost goes up sharply

WASHINGTON. — The total cost of major new U.S. weapons has registered its highest jump in more than six years, the Defense Department reported yesterday.

The net rise of nearly \$15.5b. between late September and late December was caused mostly by increases in numbers of weapons, such as F-16 fighter planes, Trident missile-firing submarines and patrol frigates, the Defense Department said.

This brought the total price tag for 45 major weapons systems under development or in production to a record \$197.6b. Many of the costs will be spread over as much as 10 years.

The late September through late December increase in cost was the biggest since June 1970 when the Pentagon reported a \$20b. rise for 36 different weapons systems.

The cost boost in the last quarter would have been higher except that a number of major programmes showed decreases, including a \$2b. cutback by cancellation of plans to build an additional giant nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

Some of the plans to increase the number of weapons under certain major programmes are tentative and subject to annual review by defence budget officials and Congress, so the numbers could go up or down in the years ahead. (AP)

S.A. black detainee falls to his death

JOHANNESBURG. — A black detainee fell 10 floors to his death yesterday from a security police office at police headquarters in downtown Johannesburg.

Police said Matthew Mablane, the 19th black to die in police custody in less than a year, was apparently trying to escape during questioning. Mablane was being held under the "Terrorism Act" which allows detention without trial or access to lawyers and family.

A police spokesman said Mablane opened a window and climbed through before anyone could stop him.

The free movement of blacks in South Africa would be further restricted under legislation proposed by the South African Parliament yesterday. Fines for violating South Africa's pass laws, which rigidly control the movement of blacks, would be doubled. The new fine would stand at 100 Rands (R1.150) or three months' imprisonment or both for violations.

Under the pass laws, blacks must carry pass books similar to passports at all times. The pass laws are used to control the influx of blacks from rural to urban areas and movement between urban areas. There are no similar restrictions on the movement of whites in the country. (AP)

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Prince Louis Ferdinand, left, grandson of German Kaiser Wilhelm II, and Heinz Galinski, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish community, inspect a ceramic plaque set in the wall of a new community centre. The plaque was donated by the Kala in 1912 for the old community hall. It was found rubble after World War II. (AP radioph)

Gaddafi opponent loses citizenship

CAIRO. — Libya's ruling Revolution Command Council has stripped dissenting member Maj. Omar el-Mehelhi of his nationality, the Middle East News Agency said yesterday in a dispatch from Tripoli.

El-Mehelhi has been living in Cairo since he was granted political asylum a year ago after breaking with Libyan leader Col. Mu'ammer Gaddafi and fleeing the country.

Libyan authorities accused el-Mehelhi of involvement in an abortive attempt to overthrow Gaddafi in the summer of 1975. He first fled to Tunisia and then came to Cairo.

Gaddafi has said that one of his conditions for a reconciliation with Egypt would be the extradition of el-Mehelhi, something Egyptian officials said Cairo would never do.

Egypt and Libya have been locked in a political feud since the 1973 Middle East war. Gaddafi has consistently attacked Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's policy of seeking a peace settlement with Israel. (UPI)

Eight-time killer arrested in Rome

ROME. — Police arrested the trigger-happy boss of a kidnap gang yesterday in an operation which Interior Minister Francesco Cossiga said may prove links between common criminals and fascist terrorists.

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Rotterdam port half idle; Dutch strike in ninth day

THE HAGUE. — Dutch labour unions yesterday ordered more men off the job pending the outcome of stalled wage bargaining talks in industrial branches and individual companies.

Some 350 workers at two transshipment firms in Rotterdam walked off the job, as did some 600 workers at building sites around the country. Unions have estimated that up to 28,000 workers are idled in Holland's biggest strike wave since World War II. Management estimates say about 14,000 are on strike.

There was no certainty as to when the negotiations would reopen because of a difference of opinion between employers and workers' organizations as to when the strikes, now in their ninth day, should be called off.

A Rotterdam port employer said the strike wave reduced the port — the world's largest — to half its normal capacity. Printers' strikes kept 1.5m. readers without their daily newspapers.

Meanwhile, West German doctors and dentists staged a second 24-hour regional strike yesterday to protest a government plan to cut soaring costs in the health insurance programme. About 600 placed on their doors yellow placards reading, "protest action — government plans endanger health system — practice closed."

The strike took place in the cities of Oldenburg and Delmenhorst in the state of Lower Saxony, and four counties in the state. Last Friday a similar strike was held in Hanover, the state capital.

Doctors and dentists in other parts of West Germany threatened similar action if the government carries out its plan to cut costs in the nation's DM70b. (IL280b.) health programme.

Herbert Ehrenberg, West German

Waldheim: Nuclear test ban closer now

GENEVA. — UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim told the Geneva Disarmament Conference yesterday that prospects appear to have improved for banning chemical weapons and underground nuclear tests — major unattained objectives of the 30-nation organization.

There seems to be greater readiness by the two nuclear superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, to reach a test ban agreement, and such approaches made the outlook more encouraging for outlawing the most lethal chemical arms, he said.

A UN official read Waldheim's message at the opening of the 1977 session of the conference, which brings together Western, Communist and neutral nations under the co-chairmanship of the Soviet Union and the U.S.

Waldheim said the Russians and the Americans recently indicated they were willing to overcome a deadlock of the issue of on-site inspections of suspect underground upheavals detected by seismic equipment which for years has blocked agreement on banning underground nuclear tests.

An accord signed by the superpowers in 1963 outlawed nuclear blasts in the atmosphere, outer space and under water. But attempts to extend the ban to underground explosions have foundered on Soviet-American differences on how to guard against cheating.

The U.S. has insisted on a number

of international inspections at suspect disturbances. But the Union has refused, saying that range seismographs and "national means of detection" adequate to distinguish small from natural earth tremors.

Although Waldheim made specific reference to them, he encouraged signs he had in mind believed to include recent statements by President Carter that he was reaching agreement soon with Soviet Union to ban all nuclear weapons tests, possibly for a test-period of three or four years.

On prospects for negotiating chemical weapons ban, Waldheim said, "I sincerely hope that such progress can be made at the session toward banning the most of these weapons." Waldheim amplified, but he was thought referring to private talks by the U.S. and the Soviet Union the end of last year's seasonal conference on a possible joint effort for a chemical weapons ban.

Waldheim also warned of the ing threat of nuclear-war technology spreading to more tries. He said the UN General Assembly "has stressed the cy" of international efforts to prevent the further spread of weapons, "while at the same time recognizing the right of all nuclear-weapon states to fulfil to the benefits of nuclear energy."

Hitler devotee kills self to end siege of warehouse

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — A hulking, body-building enthusiast, who was steeped in Adolf Hitler's Nazi philosophy, shot himself to death on Monday night after killing five men in a moving company warehouse.

Fred Cowan, 34, a suspended employee of the warehouse, killed himself as law enforcement agents were working their way across the warehouse second floor to where he was holed up. He had held police at bay more than 10 hours.

Cowan was suspended from his job about two weeks ago for an undisclosed reason, and a spokesman said he was due to report back to work Monday morning. Instead he came in firing. Cowan's family was called to the warehouse in a vain attempt to convince him to surrender. His mother was overheard to tell a friend, "Pray for Freddie. He's gone crazy."

Police were told by people who knew him that he was a loner and a devotee of Hitler. "Even in the earlier days when we went to school he kept to himself," said Sal Caruso. "But one thing about him everyone knows," Caruso said. "He's real prejudiced against Jews and Negroes — I mean Blacks." Caruso and Cowan collected

Third Reich medals and souvenirs. Police were shown a building magazine which contained a caption which read: "meet Fred Cowan. He's 34, 6'2", 250 lbs. He's a body-builder."

The caption showed a balding man with a grimace on his face and tattoos — swastikas, a cross, a death's head and a rippling on his powerful, body.

The picture of Cowan appeared in the magazine's readers' section that Cowan proudly showed neighbourhood kids who to watch him lift weights in the basement of the house he shared with his parents and a brother. Cowan lectured his friends to beware of Jews. Blacks, police were told. (AP)

Soccer barricades MADRID. — Faced with a rising wave of spectator violence at the Spanish Football Association on Tuesday ordered all clubs to ring their fields with fences or ditches. The newspaper, "ABC," at same time, published an editorial saying recent football club was politically inspired.

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Craving for some Jewishness

FLYING BACK TO Israel from Vienna recently, MICHAEL SHAHAR found himself on a plane with a group of immigrants from the Soviet Union. Since he speaks both Russian and Yiddish, it was not difficult for him to get into conversation with them.

but there were quite a number from nearby Czernowitz.

One of them, a greying bus driver, told us that there were 30 Jews in his cooperative, but they had all already emigrated to Israel.

"Did you feel that there was any hatred towards Jews?" I asked him.

"Of course," he replied, "but I returned it in kind."

He was accompanied by his daughter and her husband. The latter, being a plumber, would certainly have no difficulty in finding work in Israel.

"But aren't you Israelis afraid that we will take away your livelihoods?" he asked.

I replied with the Zionist answer: "Even if I were forced to share my last crust with you, you would be welcome."

The young man was interested in very down-to-earth matters: what would his wages be, what sort of taxes would he have to pay, how much did a car and a TV set cost?

A YOUNG MAN of about 30 sat alone, his head buried in a Russian newspaper. His long fair hair fell over his shoulders, and he was well dressed, with a jacket and tie.

He spoke only Russian — but what Russian! The language that flowed from his lips in deep and melodious tones must have sounded beautiful even to anyone who did not know a word of Russian. I was not surprised to learn that he had been a television announcer in Moscow. He wore a wedding ring, but he told me that he had had to leave his wife and seven-year-old daughter behind. He hoped they would be allowed to join him soon. I wished him luck, and there were tears in his eyes as he clasped my hand.

A WOMAN in her fifties introduced herself as a journalist. She had worked as a proof-reader for Pravda for 25 years. She told me what she described as a typical professional joke: "One of my colleagues always arrives in the office drunk. One day I dared to ask him why. 'If I were sober,' he replied, 'I'd have to tell the truth.'"

IT IS NEARLY DAWN, and the journey is almost over. The excitement mounts. Over the intercom comes the announcement, first in Hebrew and then in Russian. "In a few minutes we shall be landing at Ben-Gurion Airport."

Yesterday morning, Moscow, before dawn, Tel Aviv. For these Jews, is it a dream or reality?

where he came from, and answered in typically Jewish fashion with a question of his own.

"Have you ever heard of Hershele from Ostropol?" he asked in Yiddish.

I nodded my head.

"Well, I'm from Ostropol."

He was an engineer and had lived in Moscow for many years, working for the army. When he decided to emigrate to "the land of our fathers," he transferred to a civilian firm; but he left this job, too, to make quite sure that the authorities would not deny him an exit visa on the pretext that he was "close to security secrets."

He was accompanied by his wife and two sons, aged 13 and 14. The older one, who sported a Seishenitayn-type beard, was reading a Hebrew newspaper.

I asked him how he came to know the language, and he replied as if he were stating the obvious. "I taught myself. I bought a Russian-Hebrew dictionary and I've been studying for two years. Speaking is a bit difficult, but I can read quite well."

The younger boy, Noah, had followed his brother's example and begun to teach himself Hebrew. He, too, didn't speak it well, but when I asked him why he wanted to come to Israel, he replied, absolutely naturally, "Because it's my homeland."

His father, delighted with them, told me that the boys had been more anxious than their parents to come to Israel, despite the fact that they knew nothing about Judaism, whereas he himself had studied in a yeshiva in his youth.

The mother began to describe their life in Moscow. They had been quite well off, and by Russian standards had had quite a spacious home. At work, their friends were Russians; socially, they mixed with other Jews. The older son had studied mathematics at the university, where he was the only Jew among 500 Russians. He was assured of a brilliant future. What, then, was missing?

"Freedom," he answered. "The atmosphere choked me. We were

Home-baked rolls for a family treat

- CORN MEAL MUFFINS**
12-15 muffins
1 cup corn meal
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup baking powder
1/2 cup salt
1/2 cup grated yellow cheese
1. Beat egg in a mixing bowl. Stir in milk and oil.
2. Add flour, baking powder, sugar and salt, then cheese.
- CHEESE MUFFINS**
12 muffins
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup oil
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup baking powder
1/2 cup salt
1/2 cup grated yellow cheese
1. Beat egg in a mixing bowl. Stir in milk and oil.
2. Add flour, baking powder, sugar and salt, then cheese.
- POPOVERS**
Popovers are little rolls which pop up while baking to form hollow shells. They are very nice and light.
1 T. melted butter or margarine
1 cup flour
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup salt
1. Beat together milk, margarine, flour and salt in a mixing bowl.
2. Add 1 egg at a time, and mix lightly.
3. Fill greased muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake in 450°F. (230°C) oven 15 minutes.
Lower oven to 350°F. (180°C) and bake 20 minutes more. Cut a small slit in the side of each popover to let the steam escape. Bake 5 minutes longer. Serve immediately.
- DIMPLE OR ONION ROLLS**
(Tzibels pletzel)
16 rolls
1 cup warm water
4 cups flour
3 t. sugar
- 3. Fill greased muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake in 400°F. (200°C) oven 20-25 minutes.**
- 2 t. dried yeast**
1 t. salt
2 t. oil
2 eggs
1/2 cup chopped onions
1. Dissolve yeast in warm water in a saucepan. Move to large mixing bowl and add 1/2 cup flour, sugar and yeast. Mix until smooth. Cover with a towel and leave 20 minutes.
2. Add remaining 2 1/2 cups flour, salt, oil and eggs. Mix until dough forms. Knead for 3 minutes. Grease another mixing bowl or remove dough from this bowl, wash and dry and grease with oil. Replace dough and let rise.
3. Divide dough into 16 pieces. Knead each piece into a ball then flatten with hand to about 3/4 (one centimetre) thick. Place on floured tray to let rise. Using your fingers, press a dimple in the centre of each dough piece. Place on a greased cookie sheet.
4. Brown chopped onions in a little oil in a frying pan. Spoon onions into centre of each roll. Beat an egg in a bowl and then brush on top of each roll. Bake in 375°F. (190°C) oven for 20 minutes.

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AVIV STOCKS Bonds bounce back

AVIV.—The index-linked bond bounced back yesterday in part to recoup the sharp losses after the government's announcement of a "wage-price" freeze. The share market was higher. Only the Nativ investment fund came under selling pressure and retreated eight agorot after an offer of over 400,000. The index-linked bonds had fallen to levels to attract new capital. The gains, if not severe broad and confident to a return of interest to this part of the market.

group of shares which rose strongly on Monday, remained unchanged yesterday. Ata C shares were four higher at 187. Dubek closed at 500 for a 13-point gain.

American-Israel Paper Mills were a standard as the share jumped by 12 to 240. The company announced higher earnings for the past quarter. Earnings were 15 ahead at 578. Frutarom was six ahead at 178.

Investment companies continued to trade in a mixed pattern. Pax gained 12 to 487, but Wolfson lost three to 182. The investment companies of Discount and Hapoalim lost a point, while Leumi remained unchanged. Pinyon lost 22 to 485.

The Jordan Exploration shares, after a one-day suspension of trading, were established as "sellers only" and its prices were marked down.

Most active issues

Bank Leumi	297+1.0	IL285,500
Hapoalim	280+1.0	IL212,600
L.D.B.	(prev. 4.0pt.)	IL299,600
Sharetraded (IL12.5m.)		
Variables:	IL7.5m.	
Bonds:	IL14.6m.	
Noted:	IL10.22-24g.	
Offer:	IL14,500	
Turnover:	2277,000	

Factory have a hard time collecting

A recent survey by the renowned Dun & Bradstreet credit rating firm shows that Israeli manufacturers are having a tough time collecting from their customers.

Manufacturers in the three main cities rate a steady L for their collections during December. Dun & Bradstreet used the letter F for "more prompt" payers, E for "even" payers and L for those who are "less prompt."



A VAT contract for the distribution in the European market of 1,500 computer read-out terminals made by Elbit was signed in Tel Aviv this week.

Taxes cut sales of imported cigarettes

A cigarette, people are wont to say, is a bit of tobacco rolled into a tax bill. This definition becomes less funny when we consider that Israeli smokers 5.5h. cigarettes in 1977. Ten per cent of these were imported.

The year 1976 was a good year for tobacco importers. They doubled their sales over 1975. But 1977 is not so good any more, because in January the Treasury raised the tax on imported cigarettes, thus making them much more expensive than domestic ones.

Until this year, the tax on each cigarette was 15 agorot plus 35 per cent of the import value. Last month this was raised to 23 agorot (or IL4.40 per pack of 20) plus 35 per cent. The price difference between imported and domestic cigarettes in the IL3.30 category came to 110 per cent. As a result, sales dropped to 30 per cent of the 1976 level.

Officially, the tax increase was explained as an adjustment of customs duties to the devaluation of the lira. On these grounds, it was argued, the increase does not contradict the agreement with the Common Market.

Oded Eliahar, who represents the largest cigarette importer in Israel, has demanded that the government impose the same tax on the imported component of locally produced cigarettes. "The gap between imported and domestic cigarette tax increase on imported cigarettes discriminates against us," he said yesterday. In his view, it also contradicts agreement with the Common Market. "Let the customs officials show us on which clause in the agreement they base their decision to raise the tax," Eliahar challenged. "For the change in the value of the lira is already accounted for by the ad valorem duty of 35 per cent."

Eliahar believes that the tax raise six weeks ago on imported cigarettes was the result of pressure by the local manufacturers. The price increase three days ago of local cigarettes restores the balance to some extent. Some observers in Jerusalem are sceptical of the official explanation that the increase was due to rises in production costs. These would, in any case, not have justified a parallel rise in the excise duties, they say.

As reported on Monday, the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman declared that the price increase had nothing to do with the price hike for locally grown tobacco, since Israeli manufacturers use only about 10 per cent local products in the tobacco they process.

The cigarette importers, however, are still not satisfied, even though the gap in relative prices has been narrowed. They insist that either the duties paid on domestic cigarettes be raised further, or that the customs duties on imported cigarettes be reduced.

Fight over IL1.2b. cut in IL32.7b. interim budget

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Committee of Nine yesterday failed to reach agreement on budget cuts. Made up of members of the Knesset Finance Committee, the smaller group was set up two weeks ago specifically to deal with the interim budget.

At yesterday's meeting Yehzekel Flumin (Likud) proposed a IL1.5b. cut from the IL32.7b. budget proposed by the Treasury for the period April-July. This was rejected immediately by the Treasury and by Israel Kargman (Alignment), the chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee.

Kargman said that in his opinion it is possible to slash only IL700m. from the Treasury draft. For this he said the consent of the Treasury he said.

However, Flumin of the Likud would not budge. The Likud is willing, as Simcha Ehrlich proposed last week, to accept a slash of IL1.25b. But this proposal was not tabled officially and is considered as the Likud's rock-bottom figure.

The efforts of Yitzhak Golan (ILP) and Shlomo Lorincz (Aguda) to convince the Likud to take a more moderate line and to cut less, also failed.

Agreement may be reached, however, on the revenue side of the budget. The Treasury will not propose an increase in property tax or a reduction in the linkage of tax credit points. But this proposed renewal of the employers' Compulsory Loan and Defence Stamp tax, which expires in April, will be approved.

Kibbutzim make money from hobbies

TEL AVIV.—The Federation of Kibbutz Movements has decided to go into arts and crafts in a big way and turn it into a profitable business.

Dov Rozin, the manager of Hen Hakibbutzim, the marketing body of this industry, told a press conference here Monday.

He said that what started out as personal hobbies of kibbutz members is now being turned into a business venture which might make money from exports.

Rozin said his organization already has agreements with more than 140 stores, including some in high-class hotels, to sell their goods which include handprinting, jewelry, paintings, sculpture, glassware, ceramics and semi-precious jewelry.

Some of the goods come from kibbutz members who work at their hobbies, receiving time off from work to make artefacts for sale. Other kibbutz members work full time in their crafts. There are some kibbutzim that have formed small plants to cope with the demand.

Rozin said his organization sells kibbutz-made art and crafts at about 15 to 20 per cent below the current market prices. He explained this saying that Hen Hakibbutzim takes only about 33 per cent commission for selling the goods — the lowest commission going in this trade.

Rozin declared that the kibbutz artists have not forgotten their pioneering mission and are planning to hold exhibitions of their works not only in Tel Aviv galleries, but also in development towns.

Pitta ovens and camel rides at J'lem biblical tent encampment

By HAIM SHAPIRO, Jerusalem Post Tourism Reporter

An encampment of "biblical" tents in Jerusalem was one of the projects approved yesterday by the Tourism Investment Committee. The committee is headed by the minister.

The IL500,000 complex, which will be located on the slope of the hill of Government House, facing the Old City, will include three tents — one with traditional pitta ovens, one with women's crafts, such as embroidery and rug weaving, and one with other artistry. The project will also have donkey and camel rides.

The five-humans site on which the project is to be located has been allocated by the Israel Land Authority. The organizer is Shabtai Brill, a former army officer.

Other projects approved by the committee were a IL1.5m. gift and souvenir centre in Nazareth, to be erected by the Mazawi brothers, and a IL1m. restaurant at the Golan Heights, to be built by the Yonim brothers of Turan village. Both these projects will cater primarily to bus tours.

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A time for courage

THE BOMBHELL dropped by Asher Yadin in a Tel Aviv courtroom on Monday has produced more than a one-time explosion. The fragments are still flying through the air, and the harsh noise is growing ever more deafening.

The legal echoes of the case alone will continue to reverberate even after sentence is pronounced next week. At that time, in fact, Attorney-General Aharon Barak promises to take up the interrogation of Mr. Yadin again. This is necessary because there are several matters involving illicit transfer of funds which were not included in the original—let alone in the revised—charge sheet.

Mr. Yadin's statement in court implicated a number of top Labour Party leaders who, he claimed, both prompted and received millions of pounds on behalf of the party for its use. The Attorney-General will presumably be duty bound to probe the veracity of these allegations.

Yet there seems to be widespread agreement, even among confirmed foes of Labour, that the strictly judicial approach simply will not do in the circumstances. For the Yadin disclosure appears to strike at the very foundations of the country's democratic system. Unless they are probed in depth by means which are not available to the ordinary court of law, they may lead to universal disenchantment with our party system and institutions.

The suggestion has therefore been made that the Prime Minister should, without undue prodding, and at the earliest moment, set up a commission of inquiry to deal with the matter.

This would indeed have been a most natural proposal only a few years ago. But the recent record of commissions of inquiry has not been especially encouraging. The recommendations of such commissions have been readily accepted—and then, too, not always acted upon—when they were obvious enough. When they turned out to be controversial—as in the case of the Agranat Commission—the result was greater division rather than a new popular consensus.

But the main argument against another such inquiry is that the issue is, fundamentally, political and must be dealt with by political means—which may, of course, encompass new legislation.

Because Mr. Yadin has directly hurt his own party and right on the eve of national elections, the party will have to take immediately corrective measures. The party leaders named at the trial, among them the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education and Culture, will be fair game for the Opposition; and it would be folly for Mr. Rabin to duck the political issues merely because, legally speaking, the Ministers implicated by Yadin are still innocent. His failure to act will only damn the entire party in the eyes of the public.

The Opposition, for its part, may however fall into a trap of its own making if it plays the role of critic too sanctimoniously. For the method of financing party activities from affiliated economic institutions has a very long tradition in Israel. There is hardly a party in the country, big or small, across the entire political spectrum, which has not regularly practised this method of financing, according to its means.

That is precisely what the recent party financing legislation has attempted to prevent by furnishing the parties with state funds for their activities, particularly for electioneering purposes. By way of compensation, strict limits were placed on the amount of moneys which parties were allowed to collect from outside sources.

On Mr. Yadin's evidence, the legislation has been honoured more in the breach than in the observance—by the Labour Party, but most likely by all others as well. This may be due to the fact that the State Comptroller, who is supposed to oversee the disbursement of funds, lacks sufficient authority to discover violations and to enforce compliance. The penalties for violation, too, are ludicrously inadequate.

Clearly the situation calls for radical reform. Mr. Rabin himself might be well advised to join a forthright admission of past errors with a plan for such reform. This would perhaps not save Labour from electoral penalties on election day, but it could help cut its losses; in addition it would serve the country well.

ISRAEL PRESS

'Party's filthy stables'

MA'ARIV (Independent) calls on men of good will in all camps "to arise and cleanse the party stables of the filth of their corruptions, large and small. The call is directed first and foremost to the Labour Party. The sight of key figures in that party, vying among themselves on Monday in having heard nothing, seen nothing and known nothing was totally disgusting. The party should undertake to clean its own house, even before the police, the State Comptroller and perhaps a commission of inquiry step in. In doing so, it will set an example for several other parties, whose account books are similarly smeared with filth. The social rot that has taken hold of the country can and must be eliminated, even at the price of pain and disgrace in our own eyes and the eyes of others."

YEDIOT AHARONOT (Independent) says "There are grounds to suspect that something may be rotten in the regime. If this should prove to be the case, it must be blamed on our having had no real change of regime since the Balfour Declaration. Revolutions have broken out for less."

and if all we have had to date is 'unrest,' we must be a nation of angels."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) calls for an impartial commission of inquiry as provided by law in such cases. Only in this way will it be possible to know whether Yadin's accusations are merely the desperate cries of a man falling over a precipice or the rumblings of a full-scale earthquake.

DAVAR (Histadrut) reminds its readers that it was the Government which made possible the investigation against Yadin in the first place, both by its non-intervention in the investigation and by the fact that the investigating and prosecuting authorities had its full backing. No one can argue that there was even the slightest attempt at a cover-up or at protecting people in high places.

The paper goes on to note that before the enactment of the party financing law, all the parties received funds from dubious sources. This, however, does not absolve the authorities from ascertaining whether moneys were transferred to the Labour Party by illegal means. Just as there was no attempt at a cover-up in the Yadin affair, so will there be no cover-up in any other affair.

While the latest pressing political problems are obviously uppermost in the mind of Prime Minister YITZHAK RABIN, the country's economic woes are no less pressing.

Seeking a new order

I AM ADDRESSING you tonight not in order to ask for your political support, but as one who, for the time being and until you decide otherwise, holds the ultimate responsibility for the nation's affairs.

Tonight, I wish to abstain from the usual practice of putting our own backs to our achievements. I believe that we can take credit for many things—but if these I have talked to you in the past. Tonight, I rather wish to talk about our difficulties. I believe that only by frankly admitting our errors and problems, I can hope for your understanding and for your participation in the efforts that must be made to overcome our difficulties.

As you know, the Government has, together with the Histadrut, decided to freeze wages and prices until the end of June. For many, this will involve hardship. For all, including the Government itself, it means uncertainty. We do not claim that this freeze is a solution to our problem. But we believe that it is indispensable as a temporary measure so that we may gain a brief respite, so that our economy can be put in motion again.

Some of you may say that what needs to be done now might have been unnecessary had we acted differently in the past. That may be so, and you may decide to say so through the ballot box in three months time. However, given the situation as it is now—even if the Government is itself responsible for much of it—we must take the steps we have decided upon. I believe that any Government would have to do the same.

LET ME GO BACK to what our situation is. We have had galloping inflation for three years. Our growth has stopped. The standard of living has not risen, and some of it has even fallen significantly. All this has happened after the Yom Kippur War. That war has not only placed upon us a terrific defence burden which absorbs over a third of our resources. It has also caused a high rise in the cost of our civilian imports, thus causing us problems similar, but more severe, to those experienced by the entire Western world.

All of a sudden we have had to cope with a balance of payments problem of a magnitude that we never experienced before. There was the danger that we would be unable to pay for the oil, the raw materials, and the services we needed. We feared that there would be large numbers of unemployed. True, we have obtained much more aid from abroad, especially from the U.S. Administration. But those who take this for granted live in a fool's paradise. Even we in the Government are never sure what we shall get, when we shall get it and on what conditions.

Our economic advisers told us that there was no alternative to devaluing our currency in order to improve our ability to compete abroad, together with a policy which would restrain domestic consumption. That meant no wage increase except for cost-of-living adjustments—and for the barest unavoidable minimum.

We may have erred in carrying that policy too far for too long. We may have been over-optimistic in believing that if we restrain the demand of most of you who listen to me tonight, namely wage and salary earners, the income and profits of those who sell the goods and services we buy will also fall. We may have been wrong to trust that more private profit will automatically bring more investment, more development. We may in some cases even have been exploited by carpet-baggers.

POSTSCRIPTS

WE MET a friend coming out of a Jerusalem supermarket last Thursday, seething with fury. She had picked up a carton of sweet cream, to find it dated clearly: 6.2. This made it four days past being usable by February 10 and meant it had been on sale from well into the previous week. She picked up another carton—to find that it, too, bore the same date. So did all the others on display.

Our friend is consumer-protection minded, so she went to complain. "No one here can help you, try the milk department room," she was told, when she eventually found a man in the milk section, his only answer was "So don't buy it."

She went back to the management section, where a girl helped her find a fresh carton of cream (dated 16.2.), pushed way under the overhang of the cooler, out of sight, behind all the out-of-date cartons.

"What's the point of our milk and dairy goods manufacturers marking their goods so clearly, when the supermarket does all it can to rout them?" she asked me bitterly. J.Y.

THE DAUGHTER of Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouët-Boigny (with whom Premier Rabin had a brief meeting in Geneva at the beginning of the month) could sing Hebrew songs when she was six years old.

This story was revealed last week by Ruth Allav, well-known for her book "The Last Escape" which told the story of her work with Hagana to rescue Jewish refugees from Hitler's Europe.

In 1962, the Ivory Coast President had been invited with his family on a state visit to Israel and Miss Allav had been assigned as an escort to his party. They sailed from Marseilles to Haifa aboard the Zim liner "Jerusalem" and Ruth Allav recalls the many questions Houphouët-Boigny asked about agriculture and the kibbutzim.

One day during the voyage, President Houphouët-Boigny's little daughter, then aged six, asked Ruth Allav to teach her some Hebrew songs because she was playing a surprise. On the night before the boat docked in Haifa, the little girl climbed on to the captain's table after dinner and sang "Hatikva" and "Hava Nagila" in perfect Hebrew. M.G.

POST Economic Editor MEIR MERHAV suggests that if the Prime Minister were to address the nation on the State of the Economy, it might perhaps sound something like this...

Perhaps it is the wage earners who have been made to bear the brunt of the economic sacrifice, with less than commensurate results. We in the Government are not unaware of the fact that the real income of the public sector employees has declined substantially. We know that the wage structure has changed in ways we did not predict. All this has gone beyond what we intended, beyond the policy goals which we declared. We said we would keep wages stable. We did not mean them to fall. If we allowed it, we have done wrong—and shall enter no plea that various pressures could not be resisted.

WE KNOW THAT many of you cannot make ends meet, and therefore will not be mollified by our argument that we have done a great deal to help the really poor. We know, too, that many of you feel they can no longer maintain their dignity as working people. We are also aware that some of you, seeing how certain small groups have obtained exorbitant concessions from the Government, are now persuaded that force is the only means of gaining anything.

I will also not deny that we might have kept up a higher rate of growth in the economy. That would have made it possible, and perhaps even easier, to maintain your living standards and at the same time to export more.

Perhaps we have been too much intimidated by the enormous rise in our foreign debt, the dwindling of our foreign exchange reserves, the awesome insecurity of our overall situation. We may have listened too closely to narrow special interests, however well-meaning and sincere, and also to those who, most persuasively, made us bend our economic policies to their ends. We have continued a process by which the fruits of individual achievement have come to replace the benefits of the common good.

We have closed our eyes to inequities. We have put efficiency above all, even though we fell short of achieving it. We have come to value material achievement without asking how it was secured. We have raised the intermediary above the producer, the manipulator over the creator. We have lost respect for the man with dirty fingernails. We have trusted to the motive of personal gain to provide us with plenty for all.

BUT, FELLOW CITIZENS, let me remind you that all this has not happened in the last three years, and under this Government. We have inherited a society and economy mired into their present shape by our predecessors. True, we participated in this process and we did not reverse it. I do not ask to be absolved from responsibility. Yet we cannot, with one stroke, do away with distortions, hypocrisies and privileges sanctified by tradition. I am not even sure that we grasp them all. I admit to you that, preoccupied as we were with problems of foreign affairs and defence, we may not have even attempted a beginning.

But even had we been aware of all the changes that need to be made, even had we been ready with solutions—you know that this Government would not have been able to implement any thoroughgoing change.

In that respect, you, dear listeners, bear at least part of the responsibility for you have, for the most part, been content to leave things as they were. We have a Government headed by a party which is itself a coalition, joined by other parties which were also coalitions. Our political system has tied us hand and foot. I myself

have had to preside, and take responsibility, for a cabinet I was not free to choose, to implement policies with which I did not agree.

You may, on May 17, hold me guilty of not rejecting that responsibility. You may say it is no excuse that someone else would have taken on the job had I quit. But I thought—perhaps wrongly, but surely understandably—that the issue of war and peace took priority over the matter of income and expenditures. There was also a broader agreement about external affairs in the cabinet I headed. I believe that in 1977, too, the most critical issue is that of war and peace. To deal with it effectively, however, we must put our house in order.

We must urgently find a way to extricate ourselves from our economic dilemmas. We must begin to produce and grow again. We must become more independent of foreign aid. We must create the capability to defend ourselves not only against a foreign enemy, but also against the much more subtle enemy of internal economic breakdown.

OURS IS A SMALL nation of great capability. We have, in one generation, done more than mightier nations with greater resources and fewer difficulties. Although we have a tendency to flagellate ourselves, we have achieved great things. We talk about inefficiency—but the truth is that, given equal conditions, many of our labourers work harder and produce more, for much less pay, than their counterparts elsewhere. We accuse ourselves of the loss of values—but our sensitivity to it proves that we have retained more than we believe. We can, if we only will put our mind and effort to it, achieve much more.

We shall have to make sacrifices. The first to make them will have to be wage earners. I know that you will say that this is the way it has always been. But this time we shall ask you for a little more forbearance. We are determined to impose an equal sacrifice on all.

Yes, salaries and wages will be frozen for a time. What we mean by that is that we shall adopt a policy which will keep your standard of living from rising, but we shall also prevent it from falling. Wherever a group of employees comes to us to say: "We have taken a disproportionate loss," we shall redress it. We shall negotiate, and we expect you to talk with us. We shall not go back on any agreement. We shall honour our signatures, and more: we shall honour the spirit of our undertakings.

We shall also prove to you, even within the next four months, that no one will enrich himself at your expense. We shall enforce price controls, and we shall see to it that they are not evaded. We shall tax away, relentlessly, all excess profits, especially those begotten by inflation.

We have just set up a team of ministers whose duty it will be to hammer out working solutions for immediate and more distant problems. They will lend their ears to your justified complaints. There will be no closed doors, nor will there be a curfew of functionaries and bureaucrats between you and your Government.

We may have to ask you to wait until you see results. We may not be able to get our economy out of the doldrums in short order. We may even not be able, in the short time left to this Government, to demonstrate that we mean what we say. But we shall try anyway.

As I said to you earlier, I do not ask you to support me or my party. All I ask you is to help me leave behind, after these difficult three years, the foundations of a new order.

revelations in the Yadin case. Many viewers must have been robbed of all desire to watch the programme that followed, even though it is one of the best our television offers us, and probably sought refuge from ugly reality in the haze of a tranquillizing pill. F.D.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

Religion in Jerusalem

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—After publication of an interview with me under the headline: "Religion and the city" (February 7), I realized that some of the things I had said had created the wrong impression concerning the development of religious activities in Jerusalem, and I would therefore like to clarify some points.

The Jerusalem Municipality and its Mayor, Teddy Kollek, usually have a positive approach to the provision of more religious services in the city. Proof of this is the fact that they recently earmarked 80 city plots for religious buildings in the new neighbourhoods.

The growth of the city and the development of new neighbourhoods created serious problems due to the lack of buildings allocated to religious services and it is only natural that, as Chairman of the Religious Council, I should demand that both the Jerusalem Municipality and the Ministry of Religious Affairs make a greater effort to solve these problems. This does imply that no help was given to the Religious Council, even though the Municipality is not responsible for the infrastructure of new neighbourhoods.

I would also like to stress that the Jerusalem Foundation has done a great deal to develop the city and, in the past few years, has contributed about 10 million pounds towards important religious buildings outside the framework of the Religious Council. Differences of opinion between me and the Mayor of Jerusalem about donors who would finance the building of mikvaot should not be allowed to detract in any way from the important work done by the Jerusalem Foundation in building synagogues.

Jerusalem is the Holy City and its religious requirements are numerous. The Religious Council, which is in charge of providing the city's religious requirements, can only do its job if it gets more help from the Jerusalem Municipality and the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and this was the main point I wanted to make in my interview.

I am aware that the Chief Rabbinate does give kosher certificates to a number of hotels in Jerusalem, but we do not approve of this practice.

We are of the opinion that the Chief Rabbinate does not have authority to grant kosher certificates in Jerusalem and the comes under the sole jurisdiction of the local rabbinate. GEDALIA SCHERER, Chairman, Jerusalem Religious Foundation.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir,—In Judy Siegel's interview with Gedalia Schreiber, Chairman of the Jerusalem Religious Foundation (February 7), Mr. Schreiber stated that the Jerusalem Foundation ignored the construction development of synagogues in capital. The facts refute this claim.

Over the years, the Jerusalem Foundation has assisted 25 synagogues with repairs and furnishings, has provided funds to help build 11 synagogues and constructed or rebuilt seven synagogues of its own in Katza, Kiryat Hynoyel, Bak'e, Bayit Ve Abu Tor and other areas through the city.

Aside from the actual construction of synagogues, the Jerusalem Foundation initiated the restoration of four ancient Sephardi synagogues in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, and the Sephardi Ashkenazi synagogues in Y. Moshe.

The Foundation has also established funds for aid to synagogues, yeshivot and has made possible establishment of the Jerusalem campus of Yeshiva Universal Bayit Vegun. Close to ILA,000,000 spent by the Jerusalem Foundation in executing these projects.

As for Mr. Schreiber's claim that the Jerusalem Foundation does not allow the Religious Council to solicit contributions wealthy Jews abroad, Israel is a democratic country and it is not the business of the Foundation to interfere with his freedom of choice to ask for contributions towards synagogues, the Jerusalem Foundation has no wish to, and cannot possibly, interfere with his freedom of choice.

STEVEN ROSEN, Public Relations Officer, The Jerusalem Foundation.

MOONLIGHTING ABROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—I would like to express my gratitude for the article, "WZO's shalish moonlighting for radio" (January 26). I worked as Mr. Mekel's secretary in the Cincinnati Israel Program Office until my resignation on November 5, 1976. Accordingly, I witnessed many of the abuses described in Mr. Siegel's article. After my resignation in protest against Mr. Mekel's conduct in office, I advised the president of the local Federation about the situation.

In an effort to have Mr. Mekel's views more closely, I wrote Mr. Mekel about the situation during the time I was in the Israel Program Office.

Based on my personal observation, it is my opinion that Mr. Siegel is not acting in Israel's best interests, but primarily for his own interests. MARJORIE K. ADOL, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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